

# STRENUOUS MILITARY GAMES GARDEN SOLDIERS FOR WAR

A Lot of New Sports Invented by Athletic Instructors Accustom the Men to the Hardship, Pain and Roughing They Meet in Actual Service—Circle Wrestling, as Practised at Camp Grant, Makes Football a Parlor Game in Comparison.

By Robert Edgren.

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THE "old army game" was a relic of the Civil War, and is long out of date. But every training camp has a lot of new army games running every day. To a more civilian these games offer an interesting study. After seeing a few of them played I can't help wondering where the "reformers" of a few years ago are now—the gentlemen who simply sat up and howled their indignation over the roughness of football and boxing. It would amuse me greatly to see a few of these watching the new army games. But perhaps they no longer exist—as advocates of milk-like mildness in all sports. "War makes a change in people."

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At the signal a ball was thrown and the man who was struck fell down and stayed down. Another man seized the ball and threw it back into the thick of the enemy with all his might. Both balls were being thrown. As they bounced and rolled they were seized by the first to reach them and thrown as quickly as possible. Men in the rival groups dodged and ducked and avoided the flying missiles as much as possible, but every few seconds there was another hit, and another man threw himself down and was out of the fight. As the groups became thinner it was harder to make hits. One side would get both balls, and then two throwers would direct a cross fire. Some of the players showed astonishing agility in avoiding the balls. An officer told me that the best were by far the best players, because of their ability to dodge and sidestep. After ten minutes or so all the men of one side were down, and the winners cheered and laughed like a lot of schoolboys. Immediately they lined up for another battle.

## "Circle Wrestling No Sport for a Molluscoid."

A little distance away there was a cloud of dust. Here "circle wrestling" was going on. People who think Zhyzsko and Lewis and Stecher and the rest of the "mat artists" are rough ought to see circle wrestling in an army camp.

Twenty-four men form a circle. Twenty-four more form an outer circle. The two circles begin revolving, and as rapidly as possible in opposite directions. At the officer's whistle the inner circle men swing out and the outer circle men turn in. There is a crash of bodies, and each man "goes to the mat" right there with the fellow he happened to bump into. Then they wrestle until one man of each side is pinned down.

This is one of the roughest of all the new army games. "Football is a parlor game beside it," said Capt. Omer. "There was another gentle pastime going on in another part of the field. This was called 'No Man's Land.' Two companies were lined up, thirty yards apart. At the signal they charged each other and the ensuing melee was like nothing else ever seen in times of peace. The object here was to take prisoners. Take them by any possible method—but take them."

A prisoner dragged back over the line was out of the fight. And, however, if these Yankees fight tooth and nail against being carried off by the Germans as they do in the game, there will be few Americans in the German camps.

I told Captain Omer of the game called "No Man's Land" at Camp Upton. "There they place a box four and a half feet square and a foot high—a well padded box—in the boxing ring. Two teams of three men each, with gloves, fight three minutes for possession of the box, and the team having the most men on top of it when time is called wins. There are knockouts and everything. Captain Omer's eyes sparkled, he said:

"We'll have to try that," he said. "The 'No man's land' game can take the place of the battle royal. You see, the battle royal was much in vogue in Camp Grant, where there are some negro regiments. Traditionally the battle royal is the black man's sport. But some of the officers of black regiments objected to having battle-royals between black soldiers and not having them between white soldiers."

He didn't mention "Over the top," did he?

Over the top is another nice gentle sport indulged in at Camp Grant and other camps. "Trench" is marked out on the ground. Men are stationed to defend it, a yard apart. Another line of men attacks. The object of the attacking line is to get the trench when time is called. The object of the defenders is to keep the trench.

"Horse and rider wrestling" is another new little pastime for a dull afternoon. Fifty men engage in it at a time. There are twenty-five men mounted on the shoulders of twenty-five of their comrades. They are bunched, and at a signal every mounted man tries to drag, pull, throw or push some other mounted man down. The "mounts" charge and stamp about, and there is a cloud of dust and a lot of noise and a generally lovely time until all of the men are down but two, and those two fight it out single-handed until one is thrown, when the last man is declared winner.

A curious thing I've noticed about all of our contests is that the "reformers" of a few years ago are now—the gentlemen who simply sat up and howled their indignation over the roughness of football and boxing. It would amuse me greatly to see a few of these watching the new army games. But perhaps they no longer exist—as advocates of milk-like mildness in all sports. "War makes a change in people."

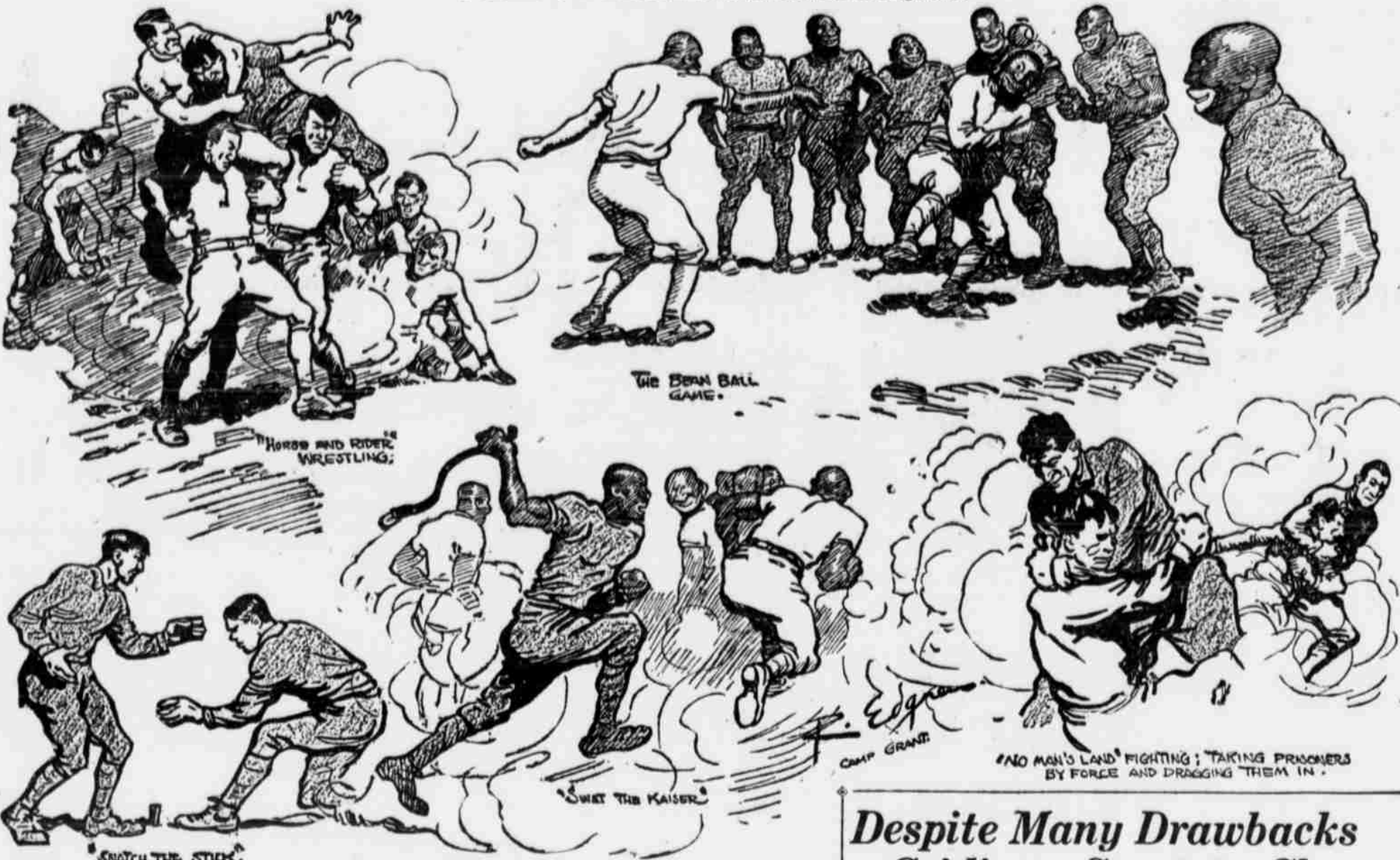
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## One Day at Jamaica Free From Reversals of Form

Taplin Rides Three Winners in a Row—War Marvel Good Two-Year-Old.

By Vincent Treanor.

THE racing at Jamaica yesterday was a big improvement on the "sport" of Thursday. There was a clean and beautiful at- two or three exceptions, that was refreshing. One exception was the first race and the second was the race run by Harwood II. Marmite won the first race, as she should have done on all public form. In doing so, however, she upset some well meant plans of those who tried to put Goldvale over. This filly owned by Fred Harlow, ran one race at Saratoga which would give her a chance yesterday, but she lost all her form subsequently.

Making her favorite over Marmite seemed all out of line, but a last minute play on the latter showed she wasn't a "dead one." Marmite out with Goldvale shortly after the start and ran her "eyeballs" out, thus spilling the beans for those who tried to resurrect Goldvale suddenly.

The Harwood race looked bad at first glance, but a perusal of this horse's previous form shows that he has not been so favorably weighted. A long time in the same kind of company. For instance the last time Condit and Harwood II met, Condit carried 110 pounds and Harwood 115. Condit won, the weight telling on Harwood in the last part of the race. Yesterday Condit and Harwood each carried 111 and Barry Shannon was outweighting, comparatively speaking. Dropping nine pounds was enough to make Harwood figure to beat Condit and five pounds to Barry Shannon gave Condit was enough to beat him.

The rest of the races were all on the up and up apparently. Lively fight in the race and did so, and could have gone round the track again with the same result, according to his trainer, Paul Fox.

The third race, in which Banahoe II. was favorite, was one of those cheap affairs to which there was little form. Anything could win an event of that kind without stirring up scandal.

Eddie Taplin was the riding hero of the day. He rode the last three winners of the day, Harwood II, Housemaid and War Marvel. He never had a bad ride. Taplin's style of riding. It isn't smooth, it's rough and some horses won't stand for this treatment. Yesterday, however, Eddie was there with all the skill of a Johnny Loftus. He rode a perfect race in each of the races and timed his final move perfectly. He had little trouble winning on Housemaid and War Marvel. He just allowed himself to be paced to the stretch and then came on easily. When Ophelia and Banahoe were out in front in the last race, Taplin was in the rear. It was very evident that Taplin could have rushed by the other two any time he liked, but he waited until the both of them had run their legs off and then came on to win without any trouble.

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## RACING SELECTIONS.

**JAMAICA.**  
First Race—Past Master, Point to Point, Irish Lady.  
Second Race—Jack Mount, Indragree, Nifty Simplex.  
Third Race—Coe entry, Osgood, Blairgowrie.  
Fourth Race—Roamer, George Smith, War Cloud.  
Fifth Race—Hollister, Maada, High Cost.  
Sixth Race—War Smoke, Looking Up, Sanford entry.  
**LAUREL.**  
First Race—Thornbloom, Medusa, Wood Violet.  
Second Race—Weldship, Parr entry, New Haven.  
Third Race—Translate, Gath, Greenmint.  
Fourth Race—Crank, Flags, McLean entry.  
Fifth Race—Cudgel, Sunny Slope, Omar Khayyam.  
Sixth Race—Can Boy, The Porter, Valerie.  
Seventh Race—Judge Wingfield, Queen of the Sea, King Neptune.

hoping to win a race with him, but says George, he will always run in the hands of the trainer. He was away yesterday, but was running over the top of the others, to be third when it was too late. Looked as if Lyke didn't try to do any better, but Odum's explanation excuses him.

Nothing could have been timelier than the gas mask drill in the infield yesterday. It was very interesting. Many a one of the talent has felt the need of these masks lately.

Joe Byrne has made application for reinstatement. This boy was not sent down without a hearing because he was too zealous in his efforts to get away from the post and win races. It is a hardship for Joe to be on the ground when he ought to be earning a living. He is the sole support of his mother.

Ed Boyle did a real nice thing for the good of the race. He put down \$60 for each of them at 7 to 5 on Lively and Lively won.

## ERTLE ARRIVES HERE SEEKING BANTAM TITLE.

Johnny "Kewpie" Ertle left his farm at Delano, Minn., in charge of his father and mother, after harvesting a large crop of wheat and potatoes, in quest of the bantamweight title. He has trained hard for his comeback, the first step in which will be a bout with Frankie Burns, the Jersey City veteran who, by his recent clean victory, established himself as the best bantam now competing in America. Burns and Ertle have agreed to clash in the "fighting show" of the New Jersey Athletic Club on the Hudson Boulevard, Weehawken, the largest indoor arena in the State of New Jersey and the only indoor club adjacent to New York. Should Ertle defeat Burns he will challenge Herman for a title battle.

## BIKE RACE A FEATURE OF CORKMEN'S GAMES.

Judging by the demands for tickets, a large attendance is expected at the annual field day and games of the Corkmen's Society of New York, which will be held at Celtic Park tomorrow. Included in the programme of field events are a five and ten mile bicycle race under the auspices of the A. A. U. Two-course sprints have been received to date and the contests will be keenly fought.

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## Fistic News and Gossip

By John Pollock

Spanish influenza has not only been the cause of the boxing game being closed down in Boston, but it now threatens to put an end to the sport, for a few weeks at least, in Philadelphia. The promoter of the Dempsey-Levinkevich bout, which is slated for next Wednesday night at the Olympia A. A. of that city, called Dan Morgan, manager of Levinkevich on the long distance telephone last night and informed him that as the city officials had decided to try to check the spread of the disease, he would let him know to-day whether the contest would be postponed or allowed to be held.

Ivy Lewis, matchmaker of the Army A. A. of Boston, had booked on Harry Grib of Pittsford and Tommy Hobson of Malden, Mass., to meet in the star bout of twelve rounds at the club's show on Tuesday night, but as the Health Department asked him to keep his club closed for another week, Ivy agreed to do so. He will resume his boxing shows on Tuesday evening, Oct. 16, with Johnny Dundee and Frankie Callahan in the star bout.

The proposed battle between Ted Lewis, the welterweight champion, and Marty Crow, the good local welterweight, has been called off for the present by Manager Edwards of the Olympia A. A. of Philadelphia. The men were practically matched to battle last Monday evening, but as satisfactory arrangements could not be made, Edwards decided to keep his club closed.

Johnny Eckhardt of Philadelphia, the veteran referee of boxing bouts, who officiated in the contest between Dick Fulton and Charleton, at Harrison, N. J., several weeks ago, is through with the boxing game and will not referee any more contests. Johnny retired because of ill health during his long connection with the game, and his decision and handling of contests were never questioned.

As Columbus Day is a holiday and besides is usually warm, promoters of the Army A. A. of Jersey City have decided to stage a boxing show at its open air club on that afternoon. Jimmy Johnson, who is the promoter, has already secured to stage the postponed bout between Clay Turner, the Indian light heavyweight and Battling Levinsky, providing Levinsky's bout with Jack Dempsey in "Pittsburgh" is either decided or put back so far that it will enable him to take on the Indian.

The boxing game in Cleveland will be opened again on Monday night. The officials of the National A. A. will select the fall season with a show at which Dick Wolfe, the promising little bantamweight of Cleveland, will take on Dick Leachman of Buffalo in the main event of two rounds. Wolfe is a 120 pounder and Leachman is a 120 pounder and will be in the main event of two rounds. Wolfe is a 120 pounder and Leachman is a 120 pounder and will be in the main event of two rounds.

Jimmy Johnson, former manager of Ted Lewis, and Joe Walcott, is now trying to sign up Billy Ryan, the Cincinnati middleweight, who recently outpointed Jack Dillon in a ten-round bout at Charleston, W. Va. Ryan only weighed 140 pounds in that scrap against Dillon's 162. Johnson has written to Ryan, claiming that he will make a champion of him in a year and also that he is a much cleverer boxer than Lewis.

It was learned to-day that the Olympia A. A. of Philadelphia is to receive 10 per cent. of the gross receipts that it can make on the Dempsey-Levinkevich bout which is to be held at the club. The National A. A. wanted 15 per cent., but when the Olympia offered to take it for 10 per cent., the promoters of the bout dropped the National's offer and went with Harry Edwards' club. The advance sale of tickets is over \$4,000.

It was learned that the welterweight bout between Clay Turner, the Indian light heavyweight, and Harry Grib of Pittsford, will be fought at the Army A. A. of Boston on Tuesday evening, Oct. 22. Ivy Lewis, matchmaker of the club, arranged the new date over the long distance telephone yesterday by getting the consent of both fighters on the date. Turner still remains training for the battle in a few days.

Over to the fact that the Army A. A. of Jersey City intends to stage an open air show at the club on Monday evening, Oct. 14, which is the club's regular boxing night, the officials of the New Jersey Sportingmen's Club of Weehawken, N. J., have decided to change the date of the bout between Frankie Burns and Johnny Ertle, the welterweight, to Tuesday evening, Oct. 15.

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## Despite Many Drawbacks Gridiron Sport to Show Some Signs of Real Life

Glen Warner's Pittsburgh Eleven Has Tough Nut to Crack To-Day in All-Star Great Lakes Naval Training Station Team.

By Alex. Sullivan.

FOOTBALL, which has suffered many relapses since early last month, when several colleges started the ball rolling by calling their squads out for practice, will display signs of real life to-day.

Originally several games were scheduled, but military plans, the influenza scare and countless other things have come up which have knocked the day's card galleys-west. The contest that is attracting a great deal of attention is that between Pittsburgh, which has been so formidable during the past few seasons, and the Great Lakes Naval Training Station team.

Coach Glen Warner has had his troubles this season, as several of his stars have been lost. His material is practically all green and he hasn't had much time to coach them.

On the other hand, the boys from the Windy City region are a tough nut to crack, for there are several famous college stars in the line-up.

The Westerners are headed by Hob Oloott, who won heaps of fame while a tackle on Yale eleven. Driscoll, the wonderful quarterback of Northwestern, will play on the Great Lakes team.

Jones and Keefe, two former Notre Dame guards, are with the G. L. aggregation. Indiana's Normal School, a graduate of the Corps of Cadets, will appear at fullback. Bachman, a Notre Dame tackle, and Smith of Penn State will be the line-backers. The line of defense will be the line-backers. The line of defense will be the line-backers.

Judging by the wealth of veterans on the G. L. team, they should have no trouble in taking Glen Warner's charges into camp.

Another interesting game will be the battle between the Corps of Cadets and the Navy Yard team. Because all members of a college team must be members of the Student Army Training Corps, the Navy Yard team is a military team. The Corps of Cadets is a military team. The Corps of Cadets is a military team.

The Navy Yard team has been coached by Dickson, a former assistant coach at Penn, and it is said that he has rounded the boys into a winning combination.

The Navy was called to play Lebanon Valley to-day, but the latter sent a telegram to Annapolis canceling the game. The Corps of Cadets is scheduled by the Middies as Virginia Military Institute on Oct. 26 and Ursinus on Nov. 16.

Because of the "flu" epidemic Ohio College cancelled the battle carded with Wesleyan at Schenectady to-day.

West Virginia's eleven will start the season at Morgantown against Marietta, while Washington and Jefferson will begin the season in a game against Indiana's Normal School. Mullenberg is scheduled to play Lafayette, and Lehigh will begin action against Ursinus. The Springfield, Y. M. C. A. Training College will play the Aviators eleven from Mitchell Field, Mineola.

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Washington and Jefferson vs. Indiana (Pa.) Normal, at Washington, Pa.  
West Virginia vs. Marietta, at Morgantown.  
Annapolis vs. Portland Naval Reserve, at Annapolis.  
Lehigh vs. Ursinus, at South Bethlehem.  
Tulsa vs. Northwood, at McLeod.  
Middlebury vs. Rensselaer Poly, at Troy.  
Cornell vs. Albright, at Lewisburg.  
Lafayette vs. Muhlenberg, at Easton.  
Carnegie Tech vs. Westminster, at Pittsburgh.  
Williams vs. Hamilton, at Clinton.  
Michigan vs. Case, at Ann Arbor.

more conjecture. For the present it appears that everything in the way of organized sports went down in the crash of the latest order. The game with Boston College at West Point to-morrow was cancelled and the fact that Dawson had a guest from the Navy eleven late in November.

The announcement of Columbia University's attitude toward intercollegiate athletics, which was expected yesterday, has been a disappointment. It was made before next week, but it did not deter Fred Dawson, physical trainer of the football team, from putting the battalion squads through a stiff drill in the football field on Saturday.

University athletic officials would not express themselves on the stand the university would eventually decide to take with regard to sports, but they pointed to the fact that the school is an institution in the line of the military, and that they believe the decision will be.

## Sport Briefs

CHICAGO, Oct. 5.—The National Baseball Commission has decided to discipline members of the champion Boston American League Club who, after the World's Series, engaged in a trip under the name of Red Sox, according to Ban Johnson, President of the American League. Bush, Schang, Strunk and Maye are among the players under investigation. Johnson said, but he did not indicate what measures would be taken to punish them.

Dates have been fixed by the National Championship Committee of the Amateur Athletic Union for three championship cross-country fixtures to be held over the national course in Van Cortlandt Park, Saturday, Nov. 9, was selected as the date for the metropolitan district service title race; Nov. 16 was named for the national junior championship run, and Nov. 30 for the senior championship contest.

Flushing having withdrawn from the annual high school soccer championships, five games only are scheduled for to-day, as follows: Erasmus vs. Evander, at Prospect Park, 10 A. M.; Commercial vs. Boyer High at Commercial Field, 10 A. M.; Manhattan Training vs. Roosevelt, at Prospect Park, 10:30 A. M.; Stuyvesant vs. Huxwicks, at Crotona Park, 10:30 A. M.; Morris vs. Clinton, at Crotona Park, 1 P. M.

The national doubles champions, Vincent Richards and William Tilden 2d, will play an exhibition tennis match after the Park Hill Country Club of Yonkers against Ichiro Kumaoka, the Japanese expert, and Walter Morris, Haverford, in other matches and an exhibition dance in the evening are on the programme, with the receipts going to the Red Cross.

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# MOLLA BURSTEDT IS IN FINALS WITH MARION ZINDERSTEIN

Championship Titles for New Jersey State Honors Will Be Decided To-Day.

All the championship matches for the New Jersey State honors will be decided this afternoon at the Orange Lawn Tennis Club at Mountain Station, N. J.

Miss Molla Burststedt, the national champion, and Miss Marion Zinderstein meet in the final round of the singles. Both won their semi-final round matches in straight sets. Miss Burststedt defeated Miss Clara Cassell by a score of 6-1, 6-0, in a thrilling battle marked by long range rallies. Miss Cassell performed phenomenal shots from her fore and back hand, and kept the stalwart girl from Norway on a lively chase for the ball. For furious pace Miss Cassell rose to the pinnacle of her game on the third game of the first set. She won this against the service of her rival by clever placements, as Miss Burststedt attempted to move up into court to receive the reply to service.

The third game afforded Miss Burststedt a taste of what she might expect to encounter from the opponent. At this point she played the ball as sure and quick on her feet as a cat. There were no false moves. She pointed on the ball, forcing Mrs. Mills to hasten the chase for the openings and the ideas. Mrs. Mills played gallantly. She was out-touched, however, in one of her best forehand shots. She won this against the service of her rival by clever placements, as Miss Burststedt attempted to move up into court to receive the reply to service.

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